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## NEWS AND NOTES.

### A Summary of Important Events.

**PITNEY**, Custodian of the Treasury, has refused to testify before the Investigating Committee, and he maintains that he can not compel him to testify under oath.

**ANOTHER** American horse, Keene's Foxhall, has carried off a foreign prize—the Grand Prix at Paris, equivalent to the English Derby. There was great rejoicing among the American residents.

It is said the Missouri Pacific Railroad will build an extension from Atchison to Omaha. The route will be through Atchison and Brown Counties, Kans., to Falls City, Neb., and thence to Omaha.

**A TERRIBLE** riot occurred at Cork, Ireland, on the 9th, while the races were in progress. The mounted police charged the mob. There were a number of casualties on both sides. Twenty rioters were arrested.

**SAMUEL DILARRE**, Democrat, has been elected to Congress from the Second District of South Carolina, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative O'Connor. The Republicans abstained from voting, holding that Mackey, O'Connor's opponent, was really elected last fall, and that, therefore, no vacancy existed.

**NOTWITHSTANDING** the fact that the Governor of Utah has given a certificate of election to Campbell, as Representative-elect from that Territory, Clerk Adams has placed the name of Cannon upon the roll of the new House, his action being based upon the fact that Cannon received an undisputed majority of the votes cast, as certified to by the United States Court at Salt Lake.

**M. J. WALDRON**, Superintendent of the Railway Mail Service of the Southwestern District, with headquarters at Memphis, has been indicted in the Federal Court at that city for conspiracy to defraud the Government in securing mail contracts. The indictment was founded on the testimony of a bidder of a river route in Louisiana, to whom it is alleged Waldron offered to secure a contract if he paid a thousand dollars.

**COL. JOHN A. WALSH**, a star-route contractor, has begun a suit in Washington against Samuel P. Brown, on a \$10,000 note, which it is alleged was given as part pay for securing the "expedition" of a mail-route. It is understood that the Government officials expect to obtain evidence through this suit of the connection between the contractors and the Post-office officials, and the developments are therefore awaited with no little interest.

**A DARING** attempt to blow up the Town-hall at Liverpool, England, was made on the night of the 9th. The police detected two men placing an iron pipe containing a lighted fuse against the building. The officers threw the pipe into the middle of the street, where it exploded, causing no damage further than the shattering of a few window-panes. The two men were subsequently arrested and found to be well armed and supplied with money. They have been identified as Irishmen named McKevett and Roberts.

**PROF. RILEY**, of the United States Entomological Commission, says the locusts now appearing in the West and South are two distinct broods: one is the thirteen-year and the other the seventeen-year locusts, and this is the first time they have appeared in the same year since 1869. Prof. Riley says these locusts can not do any damage except to young fruit trees, in the limbs of which they deposit their eggs. He says the notion that these locusts sting human beings is a fallacy; that a species of digger-wasp feeds on these young locusts, and people have been stung by these wasps, from which the belief sprang that the locusts sting. He says the locusts will suddenly disappear before long.

**THE** city of Quebec, Canada, was visited by a most destructive conflagration on the night of the 8th, which originated at the corner of St. John and Oliver Streets and spread so rapidly that the Fire Department was unable to check its progress until the entire quarter of the city known as the St. John suburbs, lying midway between St. Roch's and the Upper Town, had been swept away. The greatest confusion reigned and property spared by the flames was freely plundered by thieves. Several persons are known to have perished in the flames. Probably 600 buildings were destroyed, among them St. John's Catholic Church, the finest church edifice in the city. The total loss is estimated at \$1,500,000. The Legislative Assembly voted \$100,000 for the relief of sufferers, and large private subscriptions are being made.

**An** exciting event occurred in the New York Assembly Chamber on the 9th. Just previous to the vote for United States Senator being called, Mr. Bradley, a Stalwart Republican member from Cattaraugus County, arose in his seat, and having received recognition from the Speaker, said: "I received last night \$2,500 to pay me for voting to-day for Channey M. Depew. I have deposited the money with the Speaker of this House, and I now ask for a committee of investigation." Speaker Sharp corroborated the statement and said that he had the money in his pocket. Messrs. Armstrong, of Onondaga, and Sisson, of Washington subsequently stated that they also had been offered money to vote for Depew. A committee was appointed, and immediately after adjournment the investigation was begun. Bradley testified the money was paid him by Senator Sessions, with the understanding he was to change his vote from Platt to Depew. He accepted the money for the purpose of exposing the bribe. Sessions swore positively that he never paid Bradley the money, and that there was no suggestion of money between them.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

**COUNTY JUDGE HARRIS**, of Perry County, Ark., and John L. Mathews, editor of the Perryville Times, have been forced to leave their homes on account of threatened violence. The trouble originated in the prosecution, by order of Judge Harris, of two delinquent Deputy Sheriffs, Green Myers and James Isham. The Times published several articles reflecting upon the delinquents, soon after which an attempt was made to burn the printing-office. The Judge and the editor then received written notice through the Post-office to leave the town within fifteen days, under the penalty of death. They left. Judge Harris arrived at Little Rock and had an interview with the Governor, who promises him all the assistance needed to protect the lives of threatened parties and to maintain the law.

**ANTHONY W. GARDNER** has been elected President of Liberia, and Rev. W. F. Russell, Vice-President. They are pledged to the education of the masses and numerous other needed reforms.

**A PHILADELPHIA** patent-lawyer, Mr. Connelly, is said to have received \$250,000 from the Bell Telephone Company for a simple device, of his invention, by which a central telephone office can be done away with.

**JOE FLINT**, a notorious Chicago thief, received fatal injuries while trying to escape from two detectives at Kansas City, Mo. He was run over by a train which he attempted to board, both legs being severed.

**HAYES WHITE**, colored, the murderer of Sheriff Beattie, of Crittenden County, Ark., was hanged at Marion on the 10th.

**A MAN** named Herman and his son were killed by lightning near Baltimore, Md., on the 9th. Another had a thigh broken and several others were stunned by the shock.

**A NUMBER** of workmen were badly scalded by the explosion of a boiler near Pottsville, Pa., the other day, three of whom can not recover.

**GEORGE C. GATLING**, of San Francisco, Cal., suspecting his wife of infidelity, decoyed her into a beer garden and stabbed her to the heart.

**A HANDSOME** female burglar, aged 18 years, and named Frances Merch, has been captured by the Cincinnati police and locked up.

**WEST POINT** (N. Y.) graduates were addressed by President Garfield, Gen. Sherman, and Secretaries Hunt and Lincoln, on the 10th.

**A DISPATCH** from Halifax, N. S., says the Norwegian barque Mette Margoth was wrecked off St. Paul's Island. The captain, first officer, carpenter, two seamen and a boy were drowned.

**J. MARTIN**, a merchant of Belknap, Tex., was called to the door of his residence by three men, seized and carried a short distance from the house and shot dead. After killing Martin they went to his store and ransacked it.

**DURING** the eclipse on the night of the 11th, about 200 men rode up to the Jail at Greensboro, N. C., and demanded the keys. The Jailor refusing to comply with their demands, they broke open the doors and seized John Taylor, a negro confined for an assault upon a white woman, whom they took off a distance of several miles and hanged to a tree.

**TWO** brothers, Rub and Sidney Patrick, living near Golden, Colo., quarreled over the ownership of a dog. Sidney shot and instantly killed his brother. The murderer was arrested.

**A BREAK** in the Erie Canal, near Albion, N. Y., caused much damage on the 12th. The water flooded all that section, carrying away fences, bridges, etc., and working destruction in general. A woman and two children were saved by getting on a pig-pen, which floated about a mile before they were rescued.

**WM. HENRY**, Samuel Buckner and Peter Cook were fatally injured at Lafayette, Ind., the other day. They were tearing down the roof of the Court-house, when it fell.

**THE** Italian exploring party which started from Assab Bay, Abyssinia, consisting of a subaltern officer, ten sailors and four soldiers, has been massacred in the interior.

**A PASSENGER** train on the Ohio & Mississippi Railway, at Vincennes, Ind., dashed into a wagon containing three men. James Bradley was seriously injured and the others badly bruised.

**MISS LIZZIE HUTCHINSON** and Miss Cox were killed and Mrs. Hutchinson injured by lightning while driving near Archer City, Texas.

**ANDREW D. ROBESON**, nephew of ex-Secretary Robeson, of New Jersey, was killed by lightning near Hunnewell, Kans., on the 12th. His clothes were literally torn from his body, his watch-chain melted, and his face and body much torn.

**REIMHEILER**, the German who shot and robbed Al Angel, near Irish Grove, Mo., recently, was taken from Rockport Jail on the 10th by some twenty-five men and hanged.

**A COLORED** boy who was bitten by a spider, at Natchez, Miss., the other day, died soon after in great agony.

**At** Kingston, N. C., Quincy Gardiner and James Bryant engaged in a cutting affray which proved fatal to the former. They had taken up a quarrel begun by their wives, who were compelled to witness its sanguinary termination.

**JOHN SCHISALM**, a prominent business man of Canton, Ohio, died on the 11th from paralysis of the stomach caused by drinking iced seltzer-water.

**MR. ALFRED CRISWELL**, a farmer residing near Raymond, Ill., was returning with his family from a meeting in town on the night of the 11th, when in crossing the track of the Washburn, St. Louis & Pacific Railroad his wagon was struck by the express train, running at a high rate of speed, instantly killing Mrs. Criswell, her babe (two years old), and two nephews, aged respectively eight and fifteen years; also one

horse. Strange to relate, Mr. Criswell and Mr. Clark and wife, who were in the wagon, were only slightly injured. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that they came to their death by the criminal carelessness of the conductor and engineer.

**GEORGE ARMOUR**, head of the well-known Chicago grain firm of Armour, Dale & Co., has just died in England, where he had gone for rest and recreation.

**THE** house of William Stout, a prosperous farmer near Agency Ford, Buchanan County, Mo., burned on the 13th, and Mr. Stout's mother, an aged and infirm woman, who had been left alone on the premises, perished in the flames.

**OFFICIAL** dispatches to Oran, Algeria, state that General Detric defeated a body of insurgents, killing fifty. The French had two wounded.

**THE** Iron Mountain brakemen struck at Little Rock on the 13th.

**OFFICER THOMAS MAHONEY** was shot dead at Chicago on the morning of the 13th by a burglar whom he undertook to arrest.

**An** earthquake has devastated thirty-four villages in Armenia. One hundred persons are reported killed and sixty injured.

**ALLISON**, the scout, says Sitting Bull's camp is about 175 miles north of the border line, and comprises less than one hundred persons. Those who surrendered last winter have petitioned for a new agency on Grand River.

**R. H. NEAL**, who robbed the San Antonio (Texas) Building Association of \$14,000, and subsequently forfeited his bond, has been arrested at Cartersville, Ga., where he was traveling for a safe manufacturer.

**ANOTHER** shock of earthquake at Scio overthrew a minaret and injured two men. A tremor in the valley of the upper Rhone extended as far as Geneva.

**BLUE EARTH** City, Minn., experienced its most violent storm on the 12th. Five inches of water fell in one hour. Trees were uprooted and buildings demolished, but no great damage to the crops by hail is reported. Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee, of Lura, were killed. The barn of L. J. Prater, in the same town, was unroofed, burying his daughter in the ruins. She was taken out in an unconscious condition, and her injuries may prove fatal.

**MICHAEL J. HOUSTON**, age 66, and his son Michael, age 20, were suffocated by foul air in a well at Frederick City, Md.

**At** Maysville, Ky., George Evans, a colored bootblack, aged 17, went to see his sweetheart, Ada Brown, a girl about his own age. During the evening they quarreled, and in a fit of jealous rage he drew a pistol and shot her in the face, inflicting a serious wound. He then ran to the river, shot himself through the lung, and plunged in. He was rescued, but was not expected to live.

**NEAR** Paducah, Ky., a negro boy died from eating mulberries poisoned by locusts depositing their eggs upon them. From the same cause several others were made very sick.

**A SHOOTING** affray occurred at Heel-string Church, Ellis County, Texas, on the 12th. Several shots were exchanged, and one of the assaulting parties was mortally wounded.

## LATE NEWS ITEMS.

**THE** Treasury Investigating Committee have submitted a preliminary report of evidence against the Custodian's Department. They found an organized ring, which has been in existence for several years, and has been misappropriating money and defrauding the Government. The officials and employees who were connected with the ring will be dismissed at once and a more complete and thorough investigation will be ordered. The Committee recommend the immediate discharge of Pitney, and Upton, the Assistant Secretary of the Chief Clerk.

**LORILLARD'S** Iroquois has carried off another English prize—the Prince of Wales stakes at Ascot.

**A PARTY** of armed men took possession of the jail at Dover, Pope County, Ark., on the 13th, and hung Cal Emery, the wife murderer, whose death sentence Governor Churchill a few weeks since commuted to twenty-one years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary. Emery resisted and was shot in the head. It was supposed he was dead when hung.

**INDIANAPOLIS**, Ind., has been constituted a port of delivery.

**MISS M. M. GILLETTE**, of Wisconsin, a resident of Washington and a law student, was appointed by the President Notary Public for the District of Columbia, the first instance where a woman has received such an appointment from a President.

**The** jury in the Victoria disaster investigation, at London, Ont., have found a verdict censuring the owner, captain, and engineer of the ill-fated vessel. The Government Inspector is also held to blame.

**MR. CLIVE HERSEE**, a well-known member of the Soldado Opera Company, committed suicide by jumping from a bridge into the river near Central City, Colo. His matrimonial relations were unhappy.

**A HURRICANE** destroyed several houses and ravaged a large section of country west of Galveston, Texas.

**NEAR** Weston, Platte County, Mo., a negro named Charles Diddell assaulted a young lady named Nancy Stilwell, and after a violent struggle, in order to shield himself from the discovery of his crime, cut his victim's throat. He was discovered by two ladies passing by, who gave the alarm. The villain fled, but was pursued and captured by a party of citizens, forced to confess, and was then hanged to a bridge, the brother of his victim adjusting the fatal noose.

**JAMES** POWDER, nine years old, was arrested at Philadelphia, Pa., the other day, for deliberately throwing a handful of unslaked lime into a little girl's eyes. When the girl's screams attracted a crowd he retreated to a neighboring lot, where, it is said, he coolly informed a companion that he had "fixed that Irish girl."

## The Lawyer's Boy.

Anybody who thinks that the boy employed around a lawyer's office has nothing to do but empty the paper basket, run to the post-office, sweep the room and read the jokes of Blackstone, is grandly mistaken. A boy—that is, a prize of a boy, and one that will eventually become a great lawyer himself—has a heap on his mind, and no time for sling-shots or tops. Yesterday while a Detroit lawyer was in court, with his boy in charge of the office, a newspaper man who was hunting through the Moffat Black stumbled upon the young attorney and was received with:

"Come right in. The papers in your case are ready to be signed."

"What case?"

"Application for divorce."

"But I'm not the man."

"Ain't you? Well, you look like him."

"Let's see? Are you the defendant in the Jones vs. Brown case of trespass?"

"So, I am to tell you that the case is put over until next Saturday, at the same hour in the afternoon."

"No, I am not Brown."

"Well, that's all right. Let's see again? I was to tell Ryan that his case against Peters for slander would not come on this term, and to suggest that he amend his declaration. You have not given the dates whereon the defendant called you a 'reptile' and a 'sneak.'"

"But I am not Ryan."

"Is that so? That's too bad, but perhaps you can't help it. Was it your wife who eloped with a man named Blake?"

"No."

"Then you are not Mr. Clem. I was to tell him that he forgot to state the particular time at which he first noticed a coldness in her demeanor. Let's see? Oh! there's that bigamy case. I was to say to the defendant that the prosecution appear to have hunted up and got hold of the testimony of a third female who claims to have married you in Toledo in 1864, and that your case looks shaky. We will, however, do our best to pull you through, as we do all our clients."

"You are off again; I am not the man."

"Dear me, that's another. Well, all right. I was to say to any new client that Mr. — would be back in an hour. Come in and sit down and look over the City Directory. We will take your case at the lowest cash price and do our level best to win it. Consult no other firm until you have given us a trial.—*Detroit Free Press.*"

## When to Use Gestures.

A writer in the *Golden Rule* rebukes the tendency to a gushing and over-fine style in literature as well as in oratory, and emphasizes a useful hint as follows:

A young lady in France, placed under the tuition of (we think) Madame Clairon, was constantly offending her teacher by excessive action with her arms. She was in the habit of flinging them about in a supererogatory way which tore passion to tatters, "in Eccles vein."

After many admonitions, the lady resolved to tie her pupils' hands to her sides with a piece of string.

"Now," said the girl, "I can't move them at all!"

"Go on with you part," kindly replied the other, smiling.

And go on she did, with elocution all the better for action the less. At last, on reaching the climax of her part, her excitement nerved her little wrists, she burst the strings and, as your charwoman would phrase it, she "gesticulated" with great vehemence. When it was over, she apologized, with tears in her eyes, saying she really "could not help it."

To her surprise, her instructress praised her action this time.

"That, *mon enfant*, is what we want. Reserve your vehement displays of feeling till you can not help making them; and they will be both appropriate and successful."

Surely the lesson is a large one. Quiet energy, with readiness to strike the iron when (but not before) it is hot, is the secret of success in most undertakings.

## Business Before Pleasure.

There is a sagacious Newfoundland dog in Norwich. He will take the basket, in which is a note, and go to the market, get meat, vegetables, or whatever the note calls for, and carry it safely home. But he has a daily task assigned him which he performs, rain or shine, and that is to carry his mistress her dinner. She keeps a millinery establishment, and does not go home to her noon-day meal. Regularly as the day comes around the dog may be seen trotting along Main Street at about 11:30 with the basket in his mouth, looking neither to the right nor left, but going straight to the store, where he sets it down and watches it until his mistress comes for it. And he is so well-known, too, among the Norwich dogs that he is never molested. But on Monday a stranger dog undertook to have a little racket with him while he was loaded down with his commissary stores. He hung to the basket, but stopped long enough to get a good look at the cowardly cur that had interfered with him, and then started off on a run for the store, where he dropped the basket and immediately began to search for his assailant. He found him on Franklin Avenue, and proceeded to chastise him in true canine style. In about half a minute he sat down and watched that cur put in his best jumps for the hills of Voluntown, giving a ki-bi at every leap.—*Hartford (Conn.) Courant.*

—It is estimated that there are now 10,000 Americans in Rome, Italy.

## Reminiscences of Colonel Scott.

Colonel Thomas A. Scott died worth about \$13,000,000. He might have been much richer had he cared to be so. But he was in the habit of saying that \$10,000,000 were quite enough for any one man to possess, and rather too much for any one to leave to his heirs.

Colonel Scott's administrative and executive abilities, were of the first order. He knew how to do everything himself, and he inspired his subordinates with his own energy and belief that whatever was necessary was possible. He possessed in a remarkable degree the affection of his subordinates and associates, and he had a way not only of making friends but of keeping them.

Simon Cameron early learned to appreciate his abilities, as also did President Lincoln in the spring of 1861, when the outbreak at Baltimore severed railroad communication between Washington and the Northern and Eastern cities. Cameron, who was then Secretary of War, telegraphed to Scott that "a man of great energy and decision with experience as a railway officer" was needed to restore the broken communications, and that he was just the man for the place, and he fully justified Cameron's high opinion of him, for before the President and the country fairly realized the nature of the work, a new railway line between Washington and Philadelphia, by way of Annapolis, was opened, and troops from New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania came pouring in for the defense of the Capital. For this he was made Colonel of the District of Columbia Volunteers, and subsequently Chief of all Government railways and telegraphs and Assistant Secretary of War.

Colonel Scott's personal bravery was as great as his energy. As an illustration of this story is frequently told by the employees of the Pennsylvania road how he ran a train loaded with ammunition into Antietam just before the battle there. He took charge of the train himself and ran it so fast that the wheels of both cars and locomotive began to smoke, much to the alarm of the brakemen. He would not stop, however, until the army was reached, despite the danger.

He was married twice. His first wife was a Miss Mulson, of Columbia, Pa., and they began housekeeping when his salary was fifty dollars a month. After her death, more than twenty years ago, he married Miss Anna Riddle, daughter of the editor of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) *Commercial*. He had two children by each, the elder in each case being a boy and the younger a girl. Those by his second wife are respectively eight and six years old.

Colonel Scott, like many other Philadelphians, was never lacking in public spirit. He was ever ready both with his time and money to serve his fellow-citizens. His connection with the public works of the Quaker City was ever honorable, and in one case at least quite remarkable. When a new bridge was to be built over the Schuylkill River in 1875 he undertook the contract to have it ready at a certain time and at a certain price. He turned it over to the authorities a month sooner than was required, and subsequently he repaid to the city a large percentage of the contract price, explaining that the work had not cost so much as he anticipated.

Colonel Scott held the following offices during his life: Collector of Canal Tolls at Columbia, Pa., Chief Clerk in the office of Collector of Tolls at Philadelphia, General Agent of the Eastern Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, General Superintendent of the same road, Vice-President of the company, Colonel of the District of Columbia Volunteers, Chief of Government Railways and Telegraphs, Assistant Secretary of War, Colonel and Assistant Quartermaster on General Hooker's staff, Chief of Transportation, President of the Pennsylvania Company, President of the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, President of the Union Pacific and the Atlantic & Pacific Railroads, and Director of the Southern Railway Security Company.—*New York Graphic.*

## The Profit of the Revision.

The question has been asked again and again: Where do the profits of sales of the revised New Testament go? There is no Bible Society or Missionary Association to profit thereby, but after paying expenses, which by the English Committee are given as \$100,000 for work all thus far done on both Testaments, all other profits go to the University Press publishers, who at the outset in lieu of the copyright guaranteed all expenses to the revisers there. The American Committee, however, do not receive and will not get one cent. Their expenses, not for labor, but for travel, correspondence, stationery, etc., have been paid by private subscriptions up to this time. The profits must be very great if the Oxford publishers have already sold, as reported, 2,000,000 copies. But this number includes the 500,000 sent to this country. The different styles are sold cheaper in the United States than they are in England, Canada and the colonies, because of the lack of international copyright here. For example, the very popular twenty-cent edition sold here in New York sells in London and Quebec for twenty-five or thirty cents, and the higher-priced copies are proportionally increased.—*N. Y. Herald.*

—Major George W. Murphy, a well-known real-estate dealer of Pittsburgh, Pa., walked into Dr. Benham's office and said: "Doctor, I've taken morphine, and I want you to witness my will." The Doctor did not believe it, thinking that Murphy was joking; but it was a fact, and Murphy died after the will had been attended to.

## SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

—Toledo has a skewer factory which made and sold 45,000,000 skewers last year.

—Tobacco smoke contains about eight millilitres of carbonic oxide per 100 grains burnt.

—Cases of tetanus and trismus are said to have been successfully treated by Dr. Sporer, who merely applied to the nape of the neck and along the spine of the patient large pieces of flannel dipped in hot water of a temperature just bearable to the hand.

—An immense galvanic battery, consisting of 14,400 cells of chloride of silver and zinc elements, has been constructed for use in the lectures at the Royal Institution, London. The charging of the battery occupied three persons a fortnight.

—Dr. William James, the Harvard Professor and brother of Henry James, Jr., has been giving practical talks to the students on physiology and hygiene. As to the vexed question whether alcohol is food or not, the Professor thinks that it takes the place of food by temporarily reducing the normal demand for it, but that "this effect is not desirable" or consistent with perfect health.

—A special committee of the English Institution of Mechanical Engineers have set forth the following explanation of the hardening of steel: Referring to the generally held opinion that ordinary steel contains a certain proportion of occluded gases consisting of hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbonic oxide, they suggest that the application of heat expels these gases through minute fissures, and that sudden cooling shuts the door, so to speak, to the re-entrance of these gases, and perhaps forces out what of them may remain in the metal, thus rendering it harder and denser than before. When the metal is reheated the gases are re-absorbed, and the various changes it undergoes in consequence are indicated by variations in color.

—The Agricultural Department has received samples of jute fibre prepared by American machinery from green stems grown in Virginia. It satisfactorily solves the problem that has engaged the attention of the Department for over ten years. The fibre is largely used in the manufacture of gunnysacks, paper, ropes, carpets, bagging, and oilcloths. It will be impossible to glut the market with it, as its use is so diversified and essential. The plant can be successfully grown in any section south of New York. For several years it has been raised in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Virginia. To clean and prepare the fibre by hand for market is a slimy and profitless business, and the American laborer in this work could not compete with the women, children, and other cheap labor of the East Indies. A machine to do the work was essential to make the cultivation of jute a success on American soil. The Commissioner is satisfied that such a machine has been invented.

## PITH AND POINT.

—Assessors have a way of finding out how poor a man is.—*N. O. Picayune.*

—Wall Street is easily moved; a bulrush will do it.—*Boston Commercial Bulletin.*

—The best thing for a boil, about these days, is a nice bunch of asparagus.—*New Haven Register.*

—Time to plant dogmuzzles.—*Yonkers Gazette.* Better plant the dogs, and you will have a doggone sure thing of it.—*Yonkers Straits.*

—The Western Indians have a green corn dance. If it is anything like the green apple dance that white men indulge in, there can't be much fun in it.—*Boston Post.*

—For simply trying to get ahead in the world a poor little Philadelphia boy was sent prison. He stole a head of cabbage.—*Philadelphia Chronicle.*

—An epicure is a man who knows what is good to eat, and who talks about his food incessantly. All an epicure needs is bristles, and then he could be classed at a glance.—*New Haven Register.*

—"The Bible says, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,'" the parson remarked; "but of course we must not take this literally. If you manage to love your neighbor one-hundredth part as much as you do yourself, many of you, it will be all that can reasonably be expected of you."—*Boston Transcript.*

—It is remarkable how many things will explode—bottles of catsup, doughnuts, soda water fountains, boilers, roast potatoes, and now man. At least, we read in a novel that "Eugenie's father, upon hearing this, exploded with indignation." This should teach fathers never to fool with indignation.—*Norristown Herald.*

## Mrs. Langtry.

The London correspondent of the *Manchester Times* says: Mrs. Langtry was thoroughly mobbed by a well-dressed crowd at the Royal Academy the other day. The famous beauty, with her party, entered the exhibition through the last instead of through the first room, and as there were comparatively few people in this part of the galleries her presence was at first not noticed. Soon, however, the word went round to the principal rooms, which were at the time inconveniently crowded, and a general move was made to meet Mrs. Langtry, with the result that the doorways got completely choked up, and people were pushing each other backward and forward as if they had been a mere commonplace crowd, instead of one composed exclusively of superior persons. Mrs. Langtry is, however, well used to being stared at, and bore the infliction with great equanimity, though I fear she saw very little of the pictures.